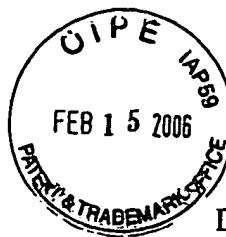


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, for which a response was due on January 20, 2006, and for which a one-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from January 20, 2006, to February 21, 2006 (the first business day following February 20, 2006), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

There are no amendments to the specification or drawings.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.